



MARCH 2007

## M.A.O. Member Appearances

### MAO Members and Other Known PWDs Who Are Television Series Regulars/Recurring

- Tracy Ashton (AL)  
As Didi - "My Name is Earl" – NBC
- Peter Dinklage (LP)  
As Marlowe Sawyer - "Nip/Tuck" – FX
- Meredith Eaton Gilden (LP)  
As Bethany Horowitz - "Boston Legal" - ABC
- Robert David Hall (AL)  
As Coroner Dr. Robbins - "CSI" – CBS
- Mitch Longley (WU)  
As Mitch - "Las Vegas" - NBC
- Shoshannah Stern (D)  
As Bonnie Richmond - "Jericho" - CBS  
As Megan Graves - "Weeds" – Showtime
- Marcus A. York (WU)  
As Billy Merchant - "The Office" - NBC

### Film Appearances

**Ashley Wolfe, Lauren Potter,  
Blair Williamson, Kevin Ewing (all Ds)**  
'Mr. Blue Sky' – Premiere Screening  
March 9 at 7 p.m.  
Zanuck Theatre/Fox Studios  
10201 West Pico Blvd., L.A.  
For tix/information call 818-242-7871

### Theatre Appearances

**Mike Ward (O) – director**  
**Dale Albright (O) – producer**  
'Torch Song Trilogy'  
February 22 – March 17  
Mt. View 2<sup>ND</sup> Stage, 500 Castro, Mt. View  
For tix/information: call 650-903-6000  
[www.mvcpa.com](http://www.mvcpa.com) or [www.theatre.org](http://www.theatre.org)

**Jeremy Palmer (O) – playwright**  
'An Excuse for Witty Banter' – One Acts  
March 1 – 11  
Hollywood Fight Club Theater,  
6767 W. Sunset Blvd.  
For tix/information: 323-465-0800

### Congratulations to M.A.O. Members...

- **Danny Woodburn (LP)** guest starred on an episode of Monk that aired on February 2.
- **Allen Rucker's (WU)** memoir, "The Best Seat in the House: How I Woke up One Tuesday and Was Paralyzed for Life," was released in January and has received great reviews.
- **Hannah Kritzeck (LP)** and **Ricardo Gil (LP)** continue touring worldwide in the Mabou Mines' production of Dollhouse. Upcoming venues are in Toronto, Rome, Singapore and Edinburgh.
- **Blair Williamson (Ds)** had a featured role in the studio film Unknown, which was released on DVD in February.
- **Bethany A. Hoppe (WU)** has roles in the indie films Budd, currently filming, and Bernee, recently released on DVD. See: [www.berneethemovie.com](http://www.berneethemovie.com).
- **Brian Dilbeck (CP)** had a featured guest role on the sitcom King of Queens that aired February 1, and which will repeat in May.
- **Cynthia Toussaint (O)** signed a book and film contract about her 25-year chronic pain experience. An excerpt will appear in the March issue of Woman's Day.
- **Keith Stanisiewski (HI)** filmed an extra role in the major studio film Rush Hour 3, to be released in August, 2007.
- **Sujeet Desai (Ds)** and his bride, Carrie, were featured on the Valentine's Day episode of Oprah.
- **Lynn Manning (B)** work-shopped his new solo show, Quiet As It's Kept, at the Watts Village Theatre in February.
- **Dena Diamond (B)** wrote six songs on the new Disney CD, "Swashbuckling Sea Songs: Pirates of the Caribbean," released this month.
- **Tyler Fortin (CP)** will be performing his comedy act on March 12th at Millennium Place in Whistler, BC, Canada.

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## **Hollywood Networking Breakfast Returns**

Hollywood Networking Breakfast, which has been on hiatus, returns March 29 to the Wyndham Bel Age Hotel. Visit: [www.changingimagesinamerica.org](http://www.changingimagesinamerica.org) or call HNB at (310) 477-0996 for scheduled speaker.

## **NEW Media Access Office Website & Awards Nominations On-Line**

The Media Access Office has a newly redesigned website! Up-to-date information about the office and the Media Access Awards, as well as the latest MAO newsletter, can now be accessed on-line. The new MAO website is located at: <http://www.edd.ca.gov/mediaaccessawards/maaooffice.asp>.

Also, nominations are now being accepted for media products to be honored at the 25th Silver Anniversary Media Access Awards, which will be held at Universal Studios on October 14th, 2007. A media production, performance or printed material is eligible if it appeared for the first time in a public medium between April 1, 2006 and March 31, 2007. Complete information and nomination forms are available on-line at: [http://www.edd.ca.gov/mediaaccessawards/maa\\_nominationpkg.asp](http://www.edd.ca.gov/mediaaccessawards/maa_nominationpkg.asp). For additional information, please call Janeen M. Dodson of EDD at 916-654-7615.

## **Open Mic Night for PWDs**

Actors for Autism is hosting an Open Mic Night the third Thursday of each month, an opportunity for people with (and without) disabilities to come together and perform. Participants can perform monologues, scenes, poems, songs or other material in a supportive environment. ADMISSION IS FREE! This month's open mic night will take place on March 15. For more information and venue location, please call 818-705-1600.

## **MAO Audition Class Scheduled**

Laura Gardner and David Zimmerman will be teaching a one day only audition class on Thursday March 15, 1 – 5 p.m., at the Glendale office. Participants should bring in a short monologue/audition piece to work on in class. Call Gloria at 818-409-0448 to enroll.

## **New On-line Casting Service for Deaf**

DeafCasting.com is a new database featuring information on actors and entertainers who are deaf or hard of hearing. The site is accepting applications, with no charge for sending in your resume/headshot. For more information: <http://www.deafcasting.com/>.

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| ■ AA - Arm Amputee       | ■ ID - Invisible Disability       |
| ■ AL - Leg Amputee       | ■ LD – Learning Disability        |
| ■ B - Blind              | ■ LP - Little Person              |
| ■ CP - Cerebral Palsy    | ■ MI - Mobility Impaired          |
| ■ D - Deaf               | ■ O - Other                       |
| ■ DD - Devel. Disability | ■ PWD - Performer with Disability |
| ■ Ds - Down syndrome     | ■ VI - Visually Impaired          |
| ■ HI - Hearing Impaired  | ■ WU - Wheelchair User            |

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